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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE SATELLITES; ARRESTS, EXECUTIONS

MASS ARRESTS IN ALBANIA -- Ankara, Uls, 14 Jul 53

Belgrade, 13 July (Anatolian Agency) -- According to reports from Yugoslav sources, many arrests have been made in the Puke, Kolgjokaj, and Skoder areas of Albania. Professor Knoja /Fnu/, deputy for Puke, who was among those arrested, is said to have died in the Tirana jail as a result of the ill treatment he received. Many of those arrested are reportedly being executed in public squares. It is reported that during last month alone, seven persons were executed in the public square of Kolgjokaj.

ALBANIANS TRIED FOR TREASON -- Salonica, Makedonia, 20 Jun 53

Ioannina, 19 June -- New mass trials took place at Tropoje, a northern Albanian city, about 10 days ago. Those on trial, about 30 persons, were accused of treacherous activities in the Stalin textile mill outside Tirana, and of undermining the workers' morale in the hydroelectric plants. They were also charged with espionage activities, such as transmitting economic, political, and military information to the Yugoslav secret police. Hasan Zog Mougacai and Stjepan Ahmet Gjakaj were condemned to death; many of their collaborators were given prison sentences of 10-15 years.

GREEK ESCAPEE REPORTS ON ALBANIAN PRISON CAMP -- Athens, Kathimerini, 14 Jul 53

Ioannina -- Panagiotis Gatzaras, who succeeded in escaping from the Tepelene, Albania, concentration camp for hostages, has appeared before military authorities in Ioannina. He stated to the authorities that the imprisoned hostages are subjected to every type of bad treatment, and gave a very bleak picture of the life of those imprisoned in all concentration camps, as well as of the standard of living of the nonimprisoned population of the country.

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MASS ARRESTS IN BULGARIA -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 12 Jul 53

Belgrade, 11 July (Ankara Agency) -- According to reports received from Bulgaria, 120 persons between the ages of 20 and 30 were arrested in Sofia in the last 2 days. It is also reported that the Soviets are distributing arms to Communist Party members and other trusted individuals.

According to reports of persons taking refuge in Yugoslavia, large-scale arrests have been made in many places in Bulgaria in the last 2 weeks. Hundreds of peasants in the Radomir area alone have been sent to concentration camps.

BULGARIAN WORKERS CONDEMNED TO DEATH -- Athens, Kathimerini, 24 Jul 53

Belgrade -- According to information from Bulgarian refugees, the court of the Bulgarian city of Khaskovo has condemned eight workers to death. The workers were accused of instigating workers' strikes and demonstrations. Trials of tobacco workers were held during May and June. The tobacco workers had held strikes with the slogans "we want work and bread."

SEVEN BISHOPS DETAINED IN POLAND -- Leopoldville, Le Courrier D'Afrique, 29 May 53

The Vatican radio announced that seven bishops in Poland are under house arrest. The following information was given: Stanislaw Adamski, Bishop of Katowice, age 78, is detained at the convent of the Ursuline Order at Lipinica. He is permitted to celebrate mass and to give talks to the religious persons there, but is not allowed to leave the convent without special permission from the police. Bishops Juliusz Bieniek and Bednorz [Fnu], assistants to the Bishop of Katowice, are also under house arrest, the first in a home for the aged at Kielce and the second at the convent of the Sisters of Winisry [sic] near Poznan. They are both forbidden to have any contact with the outside world. Ceslaw Kaczmarek, Bishop of Kielce, and Eugene Baziak, Archbishop of Krakow, are still in prison. Bishops Stanislaw Rospond of Krakow, assistant to the Holy See, is believed to be detained in a convent in the south of Poland; Bishop Lwizjan Bernacki, apostolic vicer, is also interned [whereabouts of the latter two bishops not given.]

MASS EXECUTIONS IN ROMANIA -- Istanbul, Son Posta, 11 Jun 53

London, 10 June (Hafen News Agency) -- According to reports from Rumania, the militia there has received authority to shoot, without trial, persons suspected of underground activity; as a result, a blood bath has begun in many areas. According to latest reports, 17 peasants in the Cornatei area of Medias Raion were shot in front of their homes on simple suspicion.

It is also reported that the internal tension has led to preparations for a new purge among the Rumanian Communist administrators.

STUDENTS ARRESTED IN ROMANIA -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 13 Jun 53

Rumanian authorities have arrested students at Cluj for having clandestinely published and distributed liberal proclamations.

ROMANIAN TERRORISTS SENTENCED TO DEATH -- Athens, Kathimerini, 18 Jul 53

The Bucharest military tribunal sentenced to death Gheorghe Pasalau and Gheorghe Haristov, leaders of a terrorist group.

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Athens, Kathimerini, 25 Jul 53

Vienna (Special Service) -- According to reliable information, a military tribunal in Bucharest has sentenced three Rumanians to death, a Jew by the name of Katzman [Fnu] to life imprisonment, and three other Rumanians to 25 years' imprisonment for anarchy and illegal possession of weapons. It was revealed during the trial that a considerable quantity of weapons and war materiel was found at the headquarters of the terrorist and revolutionary organization of which they were members.

MOSLEM GROUPS PRESSURED IN RUMANIA -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 26 Jun 53

Vienna, 25 June -- According to reports reaching here from Bucharest, Rumanian authorities have begun to take measures against Moslems in that country. In the Dobrudja area, four mosques already have been closed and have been taken over by the Communists. Arrests of many Moslems also have been reported.

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